

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Executive – 2 December 2009

Approval for Capital Spend on Play and Youth Facilities

Report of Leisure Development Manager

(This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Richard Lees)

1. Purpose

The approval of a capital spend of £562,240 on play and youth facilities projects in 2009/2010 and £142,495 in 2010/2011.

2. Executive Summary

The council holds capital which it is only able to use for identified play and youth facilities projects. Council approval is required for spending this money.

3. Background

3.1 A number of parks projects have been in development over the last year or more which will continue the programme of play and youth facilities improvements identified in the play and green spaces strategies (see table 1).

3.2 Projects which are now nearing the point of delivery are set out in tables 1 and 2 below. These projects are all funded by external grants and contributions and by money allocated in the Council's capital budgets for play and youth facilities.

3.3 Specifically the funding for the projects comes from the following sources:

1. The Council has a capital budget for play areas which currently provides £20,000 a year;
2. The policies in the Local Plan provide the opportunity to require house builders to give money to the Council through Section 106 agreements for play and outdoor sports facilities in lieu of making provision themselves. These agreements are usually specific about what and where and how soon the money must be spent.
3. Officers also make applications to external funders and support community groups to do likewise in order to provide additional funds for play and youth facility provision and improvement. Examples of such funders include the Lottery, Department for Children Families and Schools, Viridor and Somerset County Council.

3.4 The projects now ready for tender in 2009/2010 are shown in table 1 and those likely to happen in 2010/2011 are shown in table 2. Table 3 lists projects which are at an earlier stage of development for information.

4. Recommendation

Members are recommended to approve the spending set out in tables 1 and 2 of this report.

It is recommended that the Executive:-

- considers the list of proposed schemes;
- approves an increase in the capital programme to reflect the agreed spending; and
- recommends Full Council to approve this change to the capital programme.

**Table 1
2009/2010 Play and Youth
Projects**

Site	Estimated Capital Cost £	funded from
Baldwin Road play space	25,000	TDBC capital for play
Hamilton Gault - Playground	126,040	£86,040 Section 106 £40,000 DCSF/SCC Playbuilder grant
Hamilton Gault - Wheelspark	173,000 * Or 123,000	£50,000 Section 106 £23,000 TUF/LIB grant £50,000 Lottery grant * £50,000 SCC Youth grant
Lyngford Park play space	100,700	£50,000 TDBC capital £10,700 Section 106 £40,000 DCSF/SCC Playbuilder grant
Oake play space	50,000	£25,000 Parish play grant £25,000 DCSF/SCC Playbuilder grant
Vivary Park play space	87,500	£70000 Section 106 £10,000 Trading account surplus £7,500 Concert surplus

* grant not confirmed until
December

TOTAL	562,240
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Table 2

2010/2011 play and youth projects

Taunton Green play space	90,000	£40,000 DCSF/SCC Playbuilder grant £50,000 TDBC capital for play
Greenway Recreation Ground play space	52,495	£40,000 DCSF/SCC Playbuilder grant £12,495 Section 106
TOTAL		

Table 3

2010/2011 likely play and youth projects subject to successful external grants

Wellington Recreation Ground play space		Small amount of Section 106 and will need to source other funding
Cotford St Luke play space	28,000	Section 106 x 1
Asda Greenspace project	unknown	£25,000 TUF/LIB and LSP funding Viridor grant to be submitted